

Bachelor of Music, Instrumental Option

The Bachelor of Music degree is designed for students preparing for graduate study or careers in performance. A student majoring in Music Performance may select to specialize in **voice, piano, guitar, strings, winds, percussion, or commercial**.

Program Admissions Requirements

All prospective music majors/minors and transfer students must contact the department office prior to their first semester's registration to be assigned a departmental advisor and take diagnostic placement tests and performance auditions. Acceptance as a music major/minor is dependent upon auditions and these examinations. Examinations should be taken before or during the week preceding classwork.

Performance Auditions

These auditions will include technique demonstration and repertoire performance.

Theory Placement Exam

This exam will determine the specific semester of music theory to which a student will be assigned.

Piano Placement Exams

These tests serve to determine the specific semester and section of class piano or private instruction to which a student will be admitted. All music majors must successfully complete the department's required piano proficiency to graduate. Credits in MUSC 1118, MUSC 1119, MUSC 2218, MUSC 2219, or MUSA 1000 may be used toward passing the piano proficiency. The student must register for piano or piano class each semester until passing the proficiency exam.

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
	Objective 1	6
	Objective 2	3
	Objective 3 - MATH 1123 Recommended ¹	3
	Objective 4 - MUSI 1108	7
	Objective 5	7
	Objective 6	6
	Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8	3
	Objective 7	
	Objective 8	
	Objective 9	3
	Total Credits	38

¹ "P" courses are equivalent to the original course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 1103	Musicianship I	4
MUSC 1104	Musicianship II	4
MUSC 1107	Recital Attendance (7 semesters)	0

MUSI 1108	The World of Music (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 4)	4
MUSC 2203	Theory of Music III	3
MUSC 2204	Theory of Music IV	3
MUSC 2213	Aural Skills III	1
MUSC 2214	Aural Skills IV	1
MUSC 3304	Music History I	3
MUSC 3305	Music History II	3
MUSC 3306	Music History III	3
MUSC 3311	Form and Analysis	2
MUSC 4495	Senior Recital	2
	Piano Proficiency ¹	4
	Upper Division Music Theory/History Elective	2-3
	Other Music Electives ²	2
	Total Credits	41-42

¹ Piano proficiency is required for all degree candidates. Applied music secondary credits (MUSC 1118-MUSC 1119, MUSC 2218-MUSC 2219, or MUSA 1000) may be used toward passing the piano proficiency. The student must register for piano each semester until able to pass the proficiency exam.

² Music electives must be chosen from Music courses (MUSC) and Music General Education courses (MUSI), not from Applied Music courses (MUSA) or Music Ensemble courses (MUSP).

Instrumental Option Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 3319	Conducting I	2
MUSC 4411	Instrument Literature	2
MUSC 4412	Instrument Pedagogy	2
	Applied Music (major instrument): MUSA 1300, MUSA 2300, MUSA 3300, MUSA 4300	24
	Choose four credits of lower division Large Ensembles ³	4
	MUSP 1169	Orchestra
	MUSP 1177	Band (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Band)
	Choose four credits of upper division Large Ensembles	4
	MUSP 4469	Orchestra
	MUSP 4477	Band (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Band)
	Choose four credits of Chamber Music (instrumental ensemble)	4
	MUSP 1163	Chamber Orchestra
	MUSP 1168	Chamber Ensembles
	MUSP 1175	Commercial Music Studio/Ensemble
	MUSP 1176	Audio/Visual Electronic Ensemble
	MUSP 1178	Commercial Music/Jazz Large Ensembles
	MUSP 4463	Chamber Orchestra
	MUSP 4468	Chamber Ensembles
	MUSP 4476	Audio/Visual Electronic Ensemble

MUSP 4478	Commercial Music/Jazz Large Ensembles	
Total Credits		42

³ Guitar majors may follow the ensemble selections listed under the Piano Option

Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements	0
	General Education	38
	Major Requirements (Required General Education credits removed)	38
	Instrumental Option Requirements	42
	Upper Division Free Electives	0-11
	Free Electives	0-3
Total Credits		120

ISU Degree Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree requirements/>)

ISU General Education (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academic information/generaleducation/>)

Major Academic Plan (MAP) (<https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/>)